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REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED VISIT OF "MARS"
TO ALGIERS AND FRANCE.

From: NEW YORK

To: MOSCOW

No: 1133

19 Aug 1944

To VICTOR.

Your number 3726. In view of the fact that post number 5 had gone off by plane, we decided not to inform [you][a] by telegraph.

The Algiers French Committee invited MARS[i] friend, a member of the staff of the newspaper FRANCE-AMERIQUE, - BURE[ii] to go to ALGIERS for press work. BURE invited MARS [to go][a] with him, but MARS proved not to have a Nansen passport ([D] while he was still in) FRANCE) and the French consul hesitated to issue him the necessary documents. BURE promises to pull strings [KHLOPOLIT'] in ALGIERS to get French documents issued to MARS so that he can leave for ALGIERS, then FRANCE. Let us know whether MARS should submit an application to the French consulate in TYRE [TIR][iii] for the issue of French documents and whether it will be necessary to accept B.'s[iv] invitation if he sends for MARS from ALGIERS.

Please expedite the reply to our No. 511 on the procedure for getting Soviet citizenship for MARS put into due legal form [OPORLENTIE].

No. 661

RAY [RAY][v]

19 August

[T.N. and Comments overleaf]

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T.N.: [a] Inserted by the translator.

Comments: [i] MARS: previously confidently identified as [REDACTED] However, it is now believed likely that MARS is Vasilij GUKHOMLIN (SOUKHOMLINE), a native Russian and former Social Revolutionary.

[ii] BURE, Emile-Clement-Charles, born in DREUX (France) 6 Mar 1876.

[iii] TIR: NEW YORK, N.Y.

[iv] B.: i.e. BURE.

[v] [REDACTED]: Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.

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